

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 18 have been amended and claim 20 has been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending rejections in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 7-17 and 19 are allowed and that claims 4-6 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if presented in independent form. However, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,792,417 issued to PUNAKO. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 is directed to a strain relief clamp that includes a transparent member and a window. In particular, representative claim 1 recites, in pertinent part that the strain relief clamp includes:

a window through which the marking of interest on the cable is visible when the strain relief clamp is installed on the connector; and a transparent member arranged on the window.

This feature is clearly not shown or suggested in PUNAKO. Applicant acknowledges that PUNAKO discloses a strain relief having windows 45 and 46 (see

Figs. 1 and 5). However, there is no apparent disclosure in PUNAKO with regard to utilizing a transparent member in combination with the windows 45 and 46, much less, using such a device on the windows 45 and 46. Nor would PUNAKO benefit from such a device because the windows 45 and 46 in PUNAKO are used to allow for a tie to pass through the windows 45 and 46 (see col. 2, lines 44-46) and placing a transparent member on the windows 45 and 46 would clearly prevent the passage of such a tie.

Applicant submits that there is no disclosure in PUNAKO which even remotely teaches or suggests using cable marking with respect to a strain relief clamp having a transparent member. Nor is there any disclosure or suggestion with regard to using the windows of PUNAKO for anything other than allowing ties to pass therethrough. As a result, one of ordinary skill would have no motivation to modify this reference to allow the windows 45 and 46 to be used for viewing markings on the cable through the strain relief clamp.

For the above-noted reasons, independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2, 3 and 18, are allowable over PUNAKO.

Because, there is no disclosure PUNAKO with regard to the above-noted features of at least claim 1, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

New Claim is also Allowable

Applicant submits that the new claim 20 is allowable over the applied art of record. Specifically, claim 20 depends from claim 1 which is believed to be allowable. Additionally, claim 20 recites a combination of features which are clearly not disclosed

or suggested by the applied art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this claim and further requests that the above-noted claim be indicated as being allowable.

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Office Action, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of the indicated claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references, Applicant submits that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of these claims is based on the totality of the recited features.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that all of the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue, and to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required.

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